



**BOX AF**  
**Response Under 37 CFR 1.116**  
**Expedited Procedure Examining**  
**Group 1756**

**PATENT**  
**0445-0271P**

**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Masahito TANAKA et al. Conf.: 2395  
Appl. No.: 09/147,894 Group: 3761  
Filed: March 23, 1999 Examiner: K.M. REICH  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

June 13, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated March 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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**BOX AF**  
**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 3748**

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Applicant:	Masahito TANAKA et al.	Conf.:	2395
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.
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TOTAL	19	-	20	=	0	\$ 18	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	3	-	3	=	0	\$ 84	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$280	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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